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**OPTIONAL DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) NOTICE MATERIALS**

The attached materials are being sent to you pursuant to the requirements for the Optional DNS Process (WAC 197-11-355). A DNS on the attached proposal is likely. This may be the only opportunity to comment on environmental impacts of the proposal. Mitigation measures from standard codes will apply. Project review may require mitigation regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. A copy of the subsequent threshold determination for this proposal may be obtained upon request.

File No. 18-123567 AD

Project Name/Address: Temporary Encampment Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA)  
City-wide

Planner: Peter Rosen, Senior Planner

Phone Number: (425) 452-5210

**Minimum Comment Period Ends: September 26, 2019**

Materials included in this Notice:

- ☒ Blue Bulletin
- ☒ Checklist
- ☐ Vicinity Map
- ☐ Plans
- ☐ Other:





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## **SEPA Environmental Checklist**

If you need assistance in completing the checklist or have any questions regarding the environmental review process, please visit the Land Use Desk in the Permit Center between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (Wednesday, 10 to 4) or call or email the Land Use Division at 425-452-4188 or [landusereview@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:landusereview@bellevuewa.gov). Assistance for the hearing impaired: Dial 711 (Telecommunications Relay Service).

### ***Purpose of checklist:***

The City of Bellevue uses this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

### ***Instructions for applicants:***

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies and reports. Please make complete and accurate answers to these questions to the best of your ability in order to avoid delays.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The City may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN THE CHECKLIST.** Electronic signatures are also acceptable.



## A. Background

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:  
*Temporary Encampment Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) - Bellevue Land Use Code (LUC) Chapter 20.30U.*
2. Name of applicant:  
*City of Bellevue*
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:  
*Toni Pratt, Senior Planner, 425-452-5374  
Development Services Department  
450 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE  
Bellevue, WA 98004*
4. Date checklist prepared:  
*September 9, 2019*
5. Agency requesting checklist:  
*City of Bellevue*
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):  
*Adoption of the Temporary Encampment LUCA is targeted to be concluded prior to January 27, 2020.*
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.  
*The City currently processes and permits temporary encampments upon applications by religious entities under both Chapter 20.30U LUC and a 2006 Federal Consent Decree (Western District of Washington Case No. C05-1921-JCC (Docket Nos. 62 and 64)). After adoption of this Temporary Encampment LUCA, the City anticipates continuing to process and permit temporary encampments upon applications by religious entities solely under the amended Chapter 20.30U LUC.*
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.  
*A non-project Environment Checklist in support of the Temporary Encampment LUCA is included.*
9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.  
*N/A*
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.  
*City Council approval of the Temporary Encampment LUCA.*
11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)



*This proposal is to amend Chapter 20.30U LUC, which covers permitting of temporary encampments hosted by religious organizations on their property. The proposed LUCA would amend Chapter 20.30U in four main categories: (1) Provide a streamlined permit process for temporary encampments; (2) Institute consistent and predictable frequency and duration of temporary encampments, potentially 120-day deployments and 12-month gap between deployments, without requiring hardship exceptions; (3) Provide neighborhood engagement, specifically the addition of optional neighborhood meetings after permit issuance and elimination of the mandatory litter patrol requirement; and (4) Codify proven effective public health and safety standards for water, sewage and wastewater disposal, electricity and lighting, handwashing and bathing, toilets, bedding, refuse disposal, and disease prevention and control. Development of this LUCA, under the State Growth Management Act (GMA) and the City's Environmental Procedures Code (Chapter 22.02 BCC), is integrated with review required under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).*

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

*Citywide*

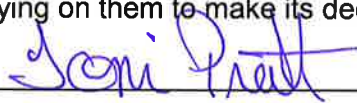
## **B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS**

No discussion of the individual elements is required for GMA actions per WAC 197-11-235(5).

## **C. Signature**

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Name of signee: *Toni Pratt*

Position and Agency/Organization: *Senior Planner, City of Bellevue, Development Services*

Date Submitted: *September 9, 2019*



**Supplemental Sheet For Nonproject Actions [\[help\]](#)**  
(IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO USE THIS SHEET FOR PROJECT ACTIONS)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

**1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?**

*The proposal would not likely increase discharges to water, toxic releases or production of noise. Any future project action to host a temporary encampment would still be required to comply with all applicable Bellevue City Codes and ordinances.*

**Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:**

*N/A.*

**2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?**

*The proposal would not likely affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life. Any future project action to host a temporary encampment would still be required to comply with all applicable Bellevue City Codes and ordinances.*

**Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:**

*All future temporary encampment proposals would include review of a required site plan per the City's Land Use Code.*

**3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?**

*The proposal would not likely deplete energy or natural resources. Any future project action to host a temporary encampment would still be required to comply with all applicable Bellevue City Codes and ordinances.*

**Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:**

*Future temporary encampments would also be served by the same utilities that service the religious entity that owns the property upon which the temporary encampment may be located.*

**4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?**

*The proposal would not likely affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection. Any future project action to host a temporary encampment would still be required to comply with all applicable Bellevue City Codes and ordinances.*

**Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:**

*All future temporary encampment proposals would include review of a required a site plan per the City's Land Use Code.*



5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

*The proposal would not likely affect land and shoreline use, and would not allow or encourage land or shoreline uses that are incompatible with existing plans. Any future project action to host a temporary encampment would still be required to comply with all applicable Bellevue City Codes and ordinances.*

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

*N/A*

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

*The proposal would not likely increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities. Any future project action to host a temporary encampment would still be required to comply with all applicable Bellevue City Codes and ordinances.*

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

*Future temporary encampments would also be served by the same transportation or public services and utilities that service the religious entity that owns the property upon which the temporary encampment may be located.*

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

*The proposal will not conflict with local, state or federal laws for protection of the environment.*